

I believe we must secure our international borders and decrease the number of individuals entering our country illegally. However, focusing solely on border enforcement and employment verification will not stop millions of people seeking well-paying jobs and the prospect of a better life in the U.S.

True immigration reform must not only increase the number of border patrol agents and enhance criminal penalties for immigrants who break the law, but also establish a legal process for immigrants who meet appropriate guidelines to apply for and potentially receive temporary guest worker status. This comprehensive approach to immigration reform balances the security of the U.S. and the rule of law with our long history of providing hope and opportunity to individuals seeking legal entry into the U.S.

I will continue to support efforts that take a comprehensive approach to immigration by increasing the security of our borders while offering a realistic and fair strategy for helping the millions of hardworking immigrants who want to earn a chance at a better life.